

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/619,648

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 2/25/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6 and 8-12.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 2/26/2007.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


GUY LAMARRE
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Applicants' response filed February 25, 2007 has been received.

- Amendments filed after final are considered and entered.
- Claims 1-6 and 8-12 are allowed.
- Minor amendment to claim 9 is made.

Application allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph Curtin on February 26, 2007.

Please amend the application as follows:

Please replace claim 9 with:

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9. The data storage subsystem according to claim 1, wherein the read operations read data from the data storage units that are not being updated, and the four write operations write data to the data storage unit being updated and to the three check storage units.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 1-6 and 8-12 are allowed. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claim 1 of the present application teaches a data storage subsystem, comprising: three data storage units; three check storage units; and an array controller coupled to the three data storage units and the three check storage units, the array controller determining the contents of the check storage units so that any three erasures of the data storage units and the check storage units can be corrected by the array controller, the array controller updating a block of data contained in any one of the data storage units and the check storage units using only six IO operations while determining the contents of the check storage units so that any three erasures of the data storage units and the check storage units can be corrected by the array controller. The foregoing limitations are not found in the prior arts of record. Particularly, none of the prior arts of record teach nor fairly suggest, *"...the array controller updating a block of data contained in any one of the data storage units and the check storage units using only six IO operations while determining the contents of the check storage units so that any three erasures of the data storage units and the check storage units can be corrected by the array controller."*

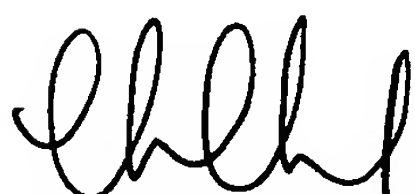
Dependent claims 2-6 and 8-12 depend from allowable independent claim 1 and inherently include limitations therein and therefore are allowed as well.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mujtaba K. Chaudry whose telephone number is 571-272-3817. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 9-7:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady can be reached on 571-272-3819.

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